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Dear Parent/Carer

Firstly, can I take this opportunity of thanking all parents and carers for their ongoing support during a very difficult time for everyone. Year 11 students continue to do the right things in lessons and listen to the advice and guidance being given by their teachers. Despite the many challenges we face with the impact of COVID-19, I am pleased that our students will move into 2021 in a strong position and should be feeling very positive and hopeful about the year to come.

Below is some important information regarding mock examinations early next year.

Year 11 Mock Examinations January 2021

During the two weeks **Monday 11th January – Friday 22nd January 2021** Year 11 students will take the majority of their mock examinations. This is the first window for mocks; the second occurs after half-term in February.

Arrangements for study leave during this time are as follows:

Week one (11-15th January) students **will be on study leave**. They must attend their exams during this week, but do not need to attend lessons outside these times. They must only be on site for their timetabled exams.

Week two (18-22nd January) students **will not** be on study leave. They will attend all lessons as normal, except those times when they are sitting an exam.

The timings of all examinations are on the attached timetable.

Revision

Many children will need support from both school and home to revise productively and sensibly for the exams. Students do have a holiday in December and must make sure they have a proper rest, but they also have an opportunity to spend some time revising without overloading themselves. Please support your child to do some revision as well as having a good break over the Christmas period.



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Research indicates that revision works best when the student interacts with the work and chooses to concentrate on the topics they find most difficult. Simply reading through notes is rarely successful. Short sessions of around 30 minutes followed by a 10-minute break before the start of the next session seems to be a successful pattern.

Useful strategies include:

- Creating revision cards
- Condensing notes
- Drawing diagrams
- Summarising from other sources (e.g. videos)
- Practising exam questions and using mark schemes
- Testing oneself or getting someone else to test you
- Using reputable online revision sites e.g. BBC bitesize or others recommended by teachers.

There is a lot of evidence about what works well in revision, and now is the time for your son/daughter to put some of it into practice. You might find some of the following links useful.

- <https://tinyurl.com/ya2yw5e3> : advice on ways to revise, and things to avoid
- <https://tinyurl.com/y75gmp2c> : top 10 revision apps
- <https://tinyurl.com/ya78go2w> : revision tips, including spacing and interleaving
- <https://tinyurl.com/y785syh> : the spacing effect
- <https://tinyurl.com/y9o4myv8> : a guide to revision: interleaving, spacing and retrieval

Equipment

Students will need to bring all equipment necessary for the exams. This includes black pens, pencils, rubber, ruler, geometry set, scientific calculator and pencil sharpener. Equipment will not be loaned but if you wish to purchase an examination equipment pack, which includes a clear plastic wallet, pen, pencil, rubber, pencil sharpener and geometry set, these will be available from the Y11 bubble in January for £1.

Finally, all Y11 students will be briefed about exam rules in January, but so you are fully informed:

- mobile phones, all watches, iPods and other similar devices are banned from the examination rooms and if brought to school MUST be left outside the exam room in the student's bag
- all pencil cases must be clear and have no labels on, as must all water bottles
- black pens only are allowed in exams, blue ink is not acceptable

Many thanks and have a good Christmas break.



Mr N Jones
Deputy Headteacher